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For : "CIRCULAR KNITTING MACHINE, PARTICULARLY  
FOR PRODUCING ITEMS OF CLOTHING WITH  
THREE-DIMENSIONAL SHAPES"  
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The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir,

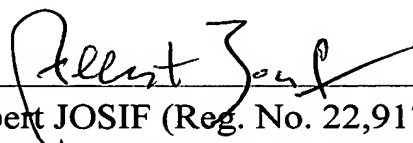
please enter the following preliminary amendment in the above-identified  
Application:

substitute the original claims 1 to 23 with the enclosed redrafted  
claims 24 to 46;

substitute the original abstract with the enclosed redrafted abstract of  
the disclosure.

It is to be noted that the newly submitted claims 24 to 46 and the new abstract of the disclosure do not comprise any new matter but merely more clearly define Applicants' originally disclosed invention.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Albert Josif', is written over a horizontal line.

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